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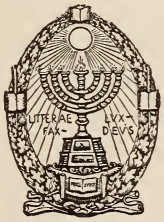

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DEDICATION.

TO THOSE WHO ARE SHAPING THE CHURCH OF TO-MORROW
THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS

DEDICATED

BY THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE Junior Epworth League is the youngest child in the great Methodist family. The organization itself is in its earliest infancy. The indications are favorable for a more general awakening to the importance of this movement. Pastors are inquiring into the nature of the Junior Epworth League, and "convention echoes" sound a note of marked attention paid to the papers on Junior Epworth League work.

The present work has been a growth. Before the days of the Epworth League, or Oxford League, when no general organization of young people's societies existed, and when no provision was made for the religious instruction and training of the children, aside from those of a disciplinary character, the writer had in successful operation a "Young People's Union" and a "Children's Class," the records of which form an interesting chapter of history in the private record of the pastorate.

When the Junior Epworth League appeared the author was not slow to organize, Charter No. 66 being

secured for the "Children's Meeting" of Canisteo, N. Y. Since then we have practically tested every department of work in the model Constitution published by the society. In the author's humble judgment this society answers the oft-repeated question, "How shall we secure the boys and girls of ten, twelve, and fourteen years of age for the Church?" The practical helps and hints that are offered in this volume have been tried and found helpful. We are aware, however, that very much depends upon tact and adaptation. No set of rigid rules and regulations was ever framed that would work equally well in every Junior Epworth League. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth."

If this little volume shall prove helpful to those already engaged in the most momentous work ever given to men, that of training the present generation of boys and girls for church work, and shall stimulate the pastors of the churches to action, its mission will be fulfilled.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE work now attempted by the Junior League had before been the result of impulse rather than system. It had necessarily been undefined, fragmentary, and too often objectless. The proper field of the Junior League in many places was preempted by the Sunday school, which, without a system of graded lessons, and lacking the power to incorporate methods proper only for week days, was not fully performing the work. Fugitive attempts undoubtedly had been made to give honest answers to the presiding elder's question, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed?" But for the most part the instruction of children in the doctrines and duties of religion had gone by default, and there was a woeful lack of the patience and perseverance so necessary for the education of youth. No wonder the rank weeds and springing nettles that grow so plentifully in unoccupied soil filled many a spot that would have become with proper care a garden of the Lord.

This work, by common consent so important, has been undertaken by the Junior League. Interest in the growth of the organization is widespread. Before the accompanying volume can be issued from the press there will be two thousand Junior Leagues; any one, therefore, who has ideas to express and methods to recommend will be sure of a cordial hearing. When the writer, as in the case of Brother Parkhurst, is able to refer the reader to the work of his own Junior League, and from the view-point of personal achievement is willing to attempt to indicate the paths of success to others, his words become doubly welcome. My prayer is that it may aid to systematize and promote the work of the Junior League.

EDWIN A. SCHELL.

WORK AND WORKERS.

We can raise more Christians by juvenile Christian culture than by adult conversion—a thousand to one.—*Dr. J. G. Holland.*

I.

THE JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

When the Epworth League was born, in the Central Church, Cleveland, O., May 14, 1889, there at once opened up a vast realm for immediate possession. It designs to utilize every atom of religious force in the Church. The Epworth "wheel" contains the necessary circumference to environ all the latent energies of the Church.

In Department I (Spiritual Work) Junior Epworth League work is given a fitting place. The relation of the Epworth League to the Junior League will occupy a special chapter later on; but suffice to say here that the people who planned the Young People's Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church did not overlook their little brothers and sisters.

The Junior Epworth League is to the boys and girls between the ages of six and fourteen what the Epworth

League is to the young men and women—a place where they may be trained in the knowledge and use of the Bible, drilled in the doctrines, history, and institutions of the Church, developed in Christian character, and fitted for the practical and social life of the Church.

The Junior Epworth League may be organized in any church under its own charter, elect its own officers, and fulfill all the requirements for the religious instruction of children, and at the same time make a successful nursery for the Epworth League.

As the forty-five boys and girls came out of their class room last Sunday night, where their devotional meeting had been held, and took their places—as many of the older ones did—among the young people of the Epworth League who were just opening their service, I said to our president: "There comes the future Epworth League!"

In the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Junior Epworth League has solved the problem of the attendance of children at the public service in the morning. They assemble promptly at 10:30 A. M., and march into the gallery two hundred strong, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers!"

The growth of the Junior Epworth League has been slow. Its future is to be made. As yet there are not two thousand chapters organized. It is recommended that where a "children's class" or "boys and girls' prayer meeting" or any like society exists it shall become transformed into a Junior Epworth League at

once. If it is very desirable the present name may be retained, but let the society come into affiliated relations with the General Office at Chicago. Usually this will meet with but little or no opposition. The change will in nearly every case give a new impetus to the work already begun.

Like the Epworth League, the Junior Epworth League does not seek to coerce any previously existing society into this official relation; but, being already in the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is better that they march in line and keep step with the militant host of Methodism; also that they have representation in the Quarterly Conference. If the Woman's Home Missionary Society have a "Mission Band," "Willing Workers," or "Little Gleaners" society organized, let them establish a Junior Epworth League, and become responsible for the Department of Mercy and Help.

In those churches where there is a "Band of Hope," or juvenile temperance society of any name, they too should join the League and take charge of the Department of Social Work.

Some of the boys and girls will prefer Departments I and III, and all together will form a full-fledged League.

By some such plan as the above the Junior Epworth League can be organized on every charge in the Church. The boys and girls will be brought into the most agreeable and helpful relations to the Church; the

work they are engaged in will progress with greater prosperity; the unity thus established will be a beautiful illustration of the Christian faith. The place to begin the cultivation of Christian unity is among the children.

Call whatever society exists together, or, if there is none, give notice from the pulpit and in Sunday school for a meeting of all the boys and girls of the church between the ages of six and fourteen, say at four o'clock on Friday afternoon, two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, or some hour on Sunday afternoon or evening, whichever seems to be the most favorable time. After singing one or two spirited hymns, followed by prayer, let the pastor or superintendent present the Junior Epworth League idea, outlining briefly each department of work, ask how many would like such an organization, and behold with what eagerness and readiness they will respond. The fact is, the children are waiting, and have been for years, for some one to lead in this modern Children's Crusade. Organize at once. Send for a charter, be sure and frame it, and hang it in the room where you meet. We have found several Leagues that have no charter; it is a little thing, but works wondrous enthusiasm. Get a supply of badges, singing books, reward cards, membership tickets, and other supplies for instruction in the various departments. Older people have these things in their societies, and there is no use trying to hold children unless you have something to entertain, interest, and instruct.

Rev. Albert D. Knapp organized Chapter No. 146 as a "Boys' Junior League." Seven, sixteen, fifty boys at the third meeting. Exercises are held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Devotion and instruction are combined. This works admirably where no special hour is given purely to devotion. A form for the reception of members, in which a covenant is repeated by the League and signed by the candidate, "general business," "the march," and other exercises make an interesting and hopeful meeting.

Rev. N. J. Harkness organized the "Epworth Guards," with sword drill, covenant drill, creed drill, knee drill, etc., giving the work a military cast highly pleasing to the children.

The new movement started by Professor Drummond, known as the Boys' Brigade, seeks to establish between growing boys and young men friendly and helpful relations. Wherever possible the Junior Guards should be organized so as to include all the boys of the church sixteen years of age and under. A fortnightly "drill" will serve not only for physical culture, but its attractiveness will keep growing boys in active connection with the Sunday school and church. A manual of military tactics can be procured, and in the hands of some bright young man great interest secured. It will be found well, however, to organize the Junior Epworth League upon principles of permanency, avoiding extremely novel and flashy methods.

We may as soon set aside the command, "Feed my sheep," and claim to be faithful pastors, as set aside the command, "Feed my lambs," and claim to be faithful.—*Rev. William Reid.*

II.

DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL WORK—HEART.

UNDER this department should be held a Junior Epworth League prayer meeting, in which the members should take some part besides singing. Prayer and personal testimony are to be encouraged. Responsive reading from the Bible, the recital of the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed can be used in introductory and closing exercises. In some churches it has been found advisable to hold separate meetings for boys, and one for girls, with different leaders, at the same or different hours. In nearly every case, however, it will be found best for boys and girls to meet together.

The Sabbath day is the most fitting time to hold this service. In churches where Sunday school is held in the morning before public service the devotional meeting can be held in the afternoon, or *vice versâ*.

Many churches hold this meeting in the evening, just before the Epworth League prayer meeting. We have

seen forty-five boys and girls march out of their own meeting into the opening exercises of the Epworth League, take part in the singing and Scripture reading, giving to the meeting a new interest. Some do not encourage the Juniors to stay to the Senior meeting ; of course it will not be unduly urged, nor yet restrained. In another church the devotional meeting is held on Wednesday night, an hour before the regular church prayer meeting.

"The boys and girls for Jesus," should be the watchword of this department. Our little brothers and sisters have a Christian experience ; their little trials and temptations are just as real to them and as serious in their effect upon character as our greater cares.

The same evangelistic methods may be used among children as among adults. The raising of the hand for prayer, standing up for Jesus, asking for prayers, signing covenant cards, and other exercises designed to commit them to the Lord and his work may reasonably be used.

Encourage the children to witness for the Lord.

"Though you cannot speak like angels,
Though you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say, 'He died for all.'

"Though you cannot rouse the sinner
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
Safe to Jesus' loving arms."

In a certain devotional meeting we know of, the leader, with profit and delight, uses lessons from Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress.* Another uses the book, *Talks to Boys and Girls About Jesus.* Subjects can be announced in advance, as in the Epworth League, such as, "The Mother of Jesus," "The Birth of Jesus," "Boyhood of Jesus," "Jesus Bringing Dead Children to Life," "The Child in the Midst," "The Children's Church," etc.

The work of this department is of the first importance. If only one department can be worked let it be this one. Use the very best talent in the church for edifying and instructing the children. The *spiritual* is the basis for all successful work in the church. A pure and worthy character is the objective point of Junior League work, and must never be lost sight of.

As many other departments of work as may be taken up must be made to contribute to the success of this work. Knowledge, sociability, sympathy, and enthusiasm gained in other departments will all add to the interest and success of the prayer meeting hour.

How it makes the heart glad with anticipation to think of the day drawing nigh when every vein of our church work will throb with life and energy through the fulfillment of the promise "to you and to your children forever!"

The Epworth League movement has its eye open on the near future. Bishop Vincent has eloquently brought out this word picture. Look at it:

"The Church of to-morrow is here. It is singing at our doors; it is climbing upon the high chairs in our houses; its voice is heard throughout our land. The streets of the city are full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Look at these representatives of the Church of the twentieth century! There are the bishops and elders of twenty years hence; there are the deacons and the stewards, the trustees and the teachers; and there are the rank and file!"

Beginning with July 1, 1893, *The Epworth Herald* is to publish a uniform series of topics for the Junior League prayer meeting. It will add greatly to the interest of the League to publish a Topic Card, giving the name and number of the League, name of the church, motto, object, officers, departments of work, and prayer meeting topics for at least six months in advance. The boys and girls will prize these cards highly; they will advertise the League and assist the superintendent of the League in preparing for the meetings.

Do you hear the children weeping, O my brothers,
Ere the sorrow comes with years?
They are leaning their young heads against their mothers,
And *that* cannot stop their tears.
—*E. B. Browning*, "*The Cry of the Children.*"

III.

DEPARTMENT OF MERCY AND HELP—HAND.

THE temperance question is one of the greatest present day problems. Perhaps the present generation is not to solve its intricacies. Certainly if it is not for our eyes to behold, the people of the first quarter of the twentieth century will see the question rightly settled. What will be the attitude of the people then living? That will depend largely upon the education of the children of to-day. No more momentous work was ever committed to an intelligent and free people.

The Church is the legitimate sphere for temperance work, and yet how little of it is done in and by the Church as a body. We have relegated it to political parties and secular organizations. We have let the work fall from our hands. How many churches have a temperance society of any kind doing active service? Few, very few comparatively. Every church should

have some organized temperance agency. Have we not neglected the educational department of temperance reform? From General and Annual Conferences, and from ecclesiastical bodies generally, we have heard ever and anon voices of loud protest and anathema against the traffic of poison drink beverages, and there the thing ends; failing to carry on the sentiment thus aroused, a feeling of discouragement takes possession of the people.

Right here is a field for Junior Epworth League workers. One meeting a month should be held under the auspices of this department. In churches where there already exists a "Band of Hope," "Loyal Legion," or other juvenile society, induce them to organize a Junior Epworth League, and take charge of this department of work; this will be a nucleus about which may be gathered all the other departments of the League.

Make Temperance Day the rallying day of the League. How abundant are the helps at hand to make the meeting enthusiastic and instructive! Circulate the pledge. Don the blue ribbon. Bring facts and figures to the blackboard. Give instruction from the best text-books. Juvenile temperance supplies are legion.

The poor orphaned temperance lesson in the "International" system of Sunday school helps, which has taken one step nearer to the heart of the school, may here find a permanent and true home.

All the advantages are on the side of the League in

this department. Truth, history, science, law, and experience will all contribute to the interest and value of this work.

The publications of the National Temperance Society and the fruits of our own church press are replete with material that will last a lifetime in this branch of Junior Epworth League work; fully one third of the publications and one half of the printed matter is for the training and education of the children.

Here, as nowhere else, we can hold up to the Juniors the horrors of the drink traffic, the seductive influence of the intoxicating cup, the nature and effects of alcohol upon the human system, and the beauties of a pure and sober life.

With books, pamphlets, tracts, papers, lesson leaves, concert exercises, dialogues, recitations, pledges, picture cards, etc., at hand this department will almost run itself. Just spread the feast, say "Come" to the boys and girls, and mark the eagerness of the response.

Bishop Warren says: "Intemperance is the personal foe of every parent, Sunday school teacher, and preacher of righteousness. Pledge all the children to-day to abstain wholly from its use; or when they get to be men good as Noah they may fall by this sin and incur all this shame."

To-day I saw a young child carrying home beer from the saloon in an old broken water pitcher; yesterday I saw a lad wheeling a keg of beer in a handcart; every

day I see a group of young men lounging about the saloon door. The latter are only a little farther along the down-hill road than the first. Alas! for our young men. For every one saved at the altars of the church fifteen are ruined by the saloon.

"Sometimes," says the New Orleans *Advocate*, "we fear the Church has not yet a clear view of the gravity of the situation; does not see the constant and imminent danger threatened; is not using, upon every opportunity, voice and vote and influence to break down this power. The Church seems slow, O, so slow, to recognize the fact that this agency of Satan is doing more damage to souls, and placing greater obstacles in the path of social and civil progress, and limiting more the advance of Christianity than all other agencies combined."

The society organized in Chicago for the protection of children ascertained that about thirty thousand minors were in the habit of frequenting the saloons of that city. They also found out that a large number of saloon-keepers offered prizes to the boys who would purchase the largest number of drinks during the month. The first prize was a revolver, the second a meerschaum pipe, the third, a pack of cards or a cigar-holder. "O, Liberty, Liberty, how many crimes are committed in thy name!"

Facts and statistics are coming to light and being gathered in reference to the early formation of drinking

habits that are startling. Out of one hundred and thirty-two cases of inebriate women more than one half had formed habits of intemperance before they were twenty-one years of age, and more than one third at the age of fifteen.

The Junior Epworth League must protect the children from the accursed liquor traffic which destroys the bodies and souls of its victims.

It was Temperance Department Day in our League. A children's mass meeting was to be held in one of the uptown churches. At 2:30 o'clock we had forty children in line. The officers of the League accompanying them, we marched to the meeting. "Who are those children?" was asked by many. "Our Junior League," was the proud reply. The Juniors are coming; tremble, King Gambrinus!

On another occasion we had with us by invitation one of the delegates to the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention at Boston, Mass., who delighted the boys and girls with an account of its proceedings. At another time we invited the church organist, a boy who played the flute, and other musical talent to be at our meeting, and aroused the spirits of the children with music. No difficulty will be experienced in enlisting the hearty cooperation of the entire League in this work. The response will be immediate if only some one for love of the cause will take the first step. "Every good cause should have the little folks back of

it. When you get all the little people right on *temperance*, the whole world will soon be right."

"The drunkards will soon be all gone;
The reason is clear, I think:
The children are taking the pledge,
That never a drop will they drink."

At every meeting of the League the roll should be called by the secretary. Names of absentees should be distributed, and the League thus becomes a "look-out" committee. Absent and sick members must be visited. "Helpfulness" is the key-word of this department. The Juniors are thus taught unselfishness.

The League must work for the church and Sunday school by bringing in new children who have no church home.

Where the Epworth League does not provide flowers for the pulpit this work may be done by the Juniors. Little church workers can always find something to do for the Master.

"What your little hands can do,
That the Lord intends for you."

The flower mission work is one of great beauty and comfort. At the close of the evening services in church it is the duty of this department to distribute the flowers provided for the pulpit among the sick, in each case attaching a card, with the name of the society and some appropriate motto or Scripture text. In large towns and cities it is well to remember the jails, almshouses, reform schools, and hospitals. This kind of

work will always be heard from in the most touching testimonials.

Mrs. Annie Thompson, in the *Ivy Leaf*, says: "A little tea to an old woman, or a bag of gingersnaps to some lonely boy serving his first sentence in jail, will make the flowers all the sweeter and indelibly stamp on the heart and brain the accompanying text."

> "Remember thou hast often sinned,
> And sinning yet must be;
> Deal gently with the erring one,
> As God must deal with thee."

This department includes home and foreign missionary work. In the League of which the writer now has charge we devote one meeting a month to missions. Missionary hymns, texts, stories, tracts, and papers are used, the monthly study in the *Little Missionary* being the principal recitation.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the church will be able to render much assistance here. Invite one of the officers to address the League in place of the regular study. An hour about the Mother's Jewels Home would make a delightful program.

In churches where there already exists a "Mission Band," "Willing Workers," "Little Gleaners," or other juvenile missionary society, it is well to enlist them in the work of this deparment, or they may be given entire charge of this branch of the League.

What a rare opportunity is here afforded the church to awaken an interest in and cultivate a love for missions! Here, as in all lines of church work, the foundation of success must be laid in child life. The man who "don't believe in missions" is very likely to be the one that never has known missionary facts and figures. Some of our most successful missionaries received their first call to work in tender years.

"Lend-a-hand" work in general may come under this department. If it cannot be successfully taken up alone, as will be the case in many churches, consolidate it with one of the other departments. It is not wise to take up too many departments of work, unless the field and the workers are at hand. "Each League may select as many departments of work as may be deemed practicable, and may carry on each department under a separate leader; or the whole work may be directed by the president, with such assistants as he may choose." In some Leagues Departments I and II, or III and V, are united in one.

It is often found more convenient for this department to meet at the home of some one of the members, for sewing, pasting picture cards, and the like. The writer, however, has found that both boys and girls are more interested in missions when the exercises are held in the Sunday school room, with general exercises for opening and closing, and some special feature for address or study arranged for and previously announced.

"Feed my lambs."—*Jesus.*

IV.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY WORK—HEAD.

If but one meeting of the League can be held each week it is best to combine the work of this department with that of the devotional hour. But where time and workers can be found this department will yield a large increase, second only in importance to purely spiritual work.

The Bible is, above all, the book to be studied here. First, drill the children in the number and names of the books of the Bible. A simple and pleasing exercise will be found in the chapter on Hints and Helps, which a child of six years can readily learn. If this were taught to the children of the church to-day, in a few years hence we should not see the slow and imperfect work in "finding the place," when the pastor announces the psalm to be read responsively or the lesson from the New Testament.

It is also recommended to take up some systematic study of the Bible. Courses of study have been provided for by Dr. Hurlbut, on the successful comple-

tion of which certificates are given, to which seals may be added. See Appendix.

In the Taylor Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, twenty-two out of thirty-five passed the examination. The presentation of certificates was made a very pleasing part of Children's Day services, and was a public recognition of success to these young "Bereans."*

In this department the writer has found it necessary to divide the League into two or more divisions for recitation, the opening and closing exercises being held in one body, the divisions marching to and from the front to the signal from the bell, and the march played on the organ or piano.

After a term of Bible study, or in connection with it, "Graded Studies," "Church History," "Christian Evidences," etc., may be used with great advantage. See chapter on Hints and Helps.

General U. S. Grant's message to the children and youth of the United States on June 6, 1876, was this: "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor to your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts and practice them in your lives."

The Bible in the League will lay the principles of religious and civil liberty deep in the hearts of the children; so deep that no icy hand of unbelief nor intrigue of the Romish Church can destroy them.

* Acts xvii, 11.

Rev. E. Payson Hammond relates the following: "A little boy in New England stood by his mother's bedside, and with tearful eyes heard her say, 'Dear Charlie, the doctor has been here, and says I'm soon to die. I have nothing to give you but this Bible. I want you to promise me that you will read it every day, and trust with all your heart in the precious Saviour who bled and died on the cross for us; then we shall surely meet in heaven. After I am gone there will be no one to take care of you here, so take the Bible and go over the mountain road to your Uncle William's, and ask if he will let you live with him.' So, after his dear mother had been laid away in the village graveyard, he started up the mountain side. It was a hot day, and as he stopped under a large tree for rest he opened the Bible and read, 'When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.'

"A gentleman with a carriage and a fine pair of horses coming up the hill noticed the boy, and said to him, 'What is that book you are reading?'

"'It's the Bible, sir.'

"'What will you take for it?'

"'I do not wish to sell it, sir.'

"'I'll give you a dollar for it.'

"'No, sir; I do not wish to sell it.'

"'I'll give you two dollars for it.'

"He looked down at his bare feet and thought how that money would get him a pair of shoes, and then his

torn straw hat, and still he answered, 'No, sir; I do not wish to sell it.'

"Still the gentleman kept offering more and more, till at last he offered him five dollars. This was more money than ever he had had in his life. Yet, bursting into tears, he said, 'You shall not have it though you give me five hundred dollars.' This touched the gentleman's heart, and he asked, 'Why do you care so much for that old Bible? It is not worth a shilling. Why do you cry about it?' Then Charlie told the whole story, and with the tears still running down his cheeks he added, 'Before my dear mother died, last Thursday, I promised her I would never part with this Bible, and I never will, though you offer me *five hundred dollars* for it.'

"'Where are you going, my little man?'

"'To my Uncle William's.'

"'I'm going past his door; get in and I will take you there.'

"He did so. They found that Uncle William had half a dozen children of his own, and did not care to have another mouth to feed. The gentleman therefore took the boy home with him, and gave him an education. He grew up a good Christian man, trusting in Jesus and loving him, and finally became a member of the State Legislature of New Jersey. Though he was often tempted to turn from the path of duty he lived a Christian life, and was ever faithful unto death. He has now gone to meet his dear mother in heaven."

"Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure! thou art mine;
Mine to teach me when I rove,
Mine to tell a Saviour's love."

Next to the Bible we should take up the history and doctrines of our own Church. No branch of the evangelical Church has a more romantic and remarkable history than the Methodist Episcopal Church. The books mentioned in the chapter on "Hints and Helps" will never fail to awaken an interest in and deepen the devotion to our Church.

It is in the Junior Epworth League that the Church Catechism may be most effectively taught. In the great majority of our Sunday schools the Catechism, if taught at all, is done to disadvantage and very imperfectly.

The Catechism should be thoroughly memorized by the children before they are allowed to take up the higher studies previously mentioned.

A Chicago paper tells the story of an amusing scene in a court room in that city. A little boy about eight years old was put on the stand as a witness, when the opposing counsel objected on the ground that the child did not understand the nature of an oath.

"Do you know what an oath is, Charlie?" asked the judge.

"Yes, sir," answered Charlie; "it is to ask God to help you tell the truth."

"Where did you learn all this?" frowned the opposing counsel.

"In the Catechism," said Charlie, not to be frowned down by the biggest lawyer in the business.

"In the Catechism? What Catechism?"

"In the ten-cent Catechism, sir."

"Who told you to look in the Catechism for the definition of an oath?"

"My sister. She told me last night, and I got it and studied it."

"Have you got your Catechism with you?"

"Yes, sir; here it is"—taking the well-thumbed little book from his trousers pocket.

"You see the boy has his documents," interrupted the judge, with a smile; and a quiet titter went around the court room, as it became evident that the lawyer was being beaten by the child.

"H'm! Let me see the book. I wonder if you know anything more that's in it. Who made you?"

"Why, God, of course," was the reply, as if the lad pooh-poohed the idea of being asked such a simple question, and wanted "something hard."

Several questions were asked and elicited ready replies. The lawyer saw that he was in for it, and accepted defeat as gracefully as possible. Turning to the judge, he said:

"Your honor, I guess we will accept this witness; and as for this little book, I would submit it to my

learned friend, the counsel for the other side, and recommend its careful perusal by him. It will do him good."

How many good people there are who sniff at the Catechism as though it were obsolete! The good effects of its teachings are undervalued. Scotland and Wales have the fewest infidels, and infidel writings in their language are almost unknown—a living testimony to catechetical instruction.

What is it that has made the Church of Rome what it is? One says, "The authority of the priests;" another says, "The power of the confessional;" we should say, The religious education of her children. Father Hecker once said: "The Catholic faith is the only persistently progressive religious element in the United States." Would it not be well for us to think over that statement? Why is Romanism prosperous? Because she indoctrinates her children.

In this department the "Ten Doctrines of Grace" may be taught in as many different lessons; also the "Ten Points of Church Economy." These will furnish during a term of twenty weeks a most admirable course of instruction. Other supplemental lessons may be added according to the character and circumstances of each particular League.

In many instances it has been found advisable to conduct this department for nine months of the year only. A vacation from June to September will give the boys

a rest and afford the leader an opportunity to work up new methods and plans of work.

Another advantage to be gained by the existence of the Junior Epworth League is that whenever the children are wanted for a rehearsal, as at Christmas, Easter, or Children's Day, the department of instruction will always find them on hand, and of the most reliable kind.

The use of the blackboard will call forth great interest in this department. Always have it on duty. A few simple marks will reach the heart through the eye when words fail through the ear. Put down the number of the hymns to be sung at the beginning of the meeting, or as they are announced. Print the number present. If greater, make a point in a few words about attendance. Any scrap of present interest when placed upon the board will hold attention and fix an idea.

Children love to sing. People like to hear them sing. Encourage every voice. The leader of the League must show great tact right here. Sing often rather than too much of any one hymn. Practice antiphonal singing, the most ancient and most effective form of church music, one that should not be laid aside. The only difficulty likely to occur is the want of an efficient leader; but poor and few indeed are the churches that cannot with a little effort find a competent musician for this important branch of church work. A Jewish legend has it that when the temple was finished Solo-

mon made a great feast in honor of the man who had done the most in completing the splendid edifice. The feast was spread, the table groaned with fatness. Nobility, wealth, representatives of every art that had contributed to the result were all present. At the king's command the guests repaired to the banquet hall, when, lo! to the amazement of all there sat in the chair of honor a blacksmith, clad in garments as if just from the forge, the veins standing out upon his naked brawny arm telling of physical power. His face was calm, and when in indignation the king demanded why he dared to be in such a place his reply was given with the majesty of a king in phrase and manner: "This feast was made for him who has done most to complete the temple, and I am he;" and rising from his seat he stepped to the table, and taking the golden cup filled with wine he held it aloft and said, "Long live the king," and drank the sparkling beverage.

The king's attendants were about to expel him with violence, when the king demanded an explanation. And then the blacksmith said: "I am he who made the tools for the architect, the mason, the stonecutter, and all. Without me they could have done nothing; so I am greater than all." And the king said, "It is well; let the feast go on."

When the temple of American liberty is complete, and hundreds of millions of contented and happy and virtuous citizens from all climes and of all races shall

dwell on our shores; when anarchy and rum and race prejudice shall be forgotten, and the question be asked, "Who did most to build this magnificent structure?" the reply will be, "*The Christian teacher;* for his hand and brain and heart molded and directed and inspired the men and women who did the work."

Behold the child, by nature's kindly law,
Pleased with a rattle, tickled with a straw.
—*Pope*, "*Essay on Man.*"

V.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK—FEET.

This department, like the preceding one, may constitute a part of the regular League meeting for instruction, missions, or temperance; or once a month the hour, afternoon or evening, may be given to vocal and instrumental music, declamations, and other entertaining exercises by the members of the League.

In cities where there are several Leagues a plan of visitation can be carried on by this department, the little visitors being entertained with music and light refreshments. The social union movement among the Seniors has revealed the fact that there is too little acquaintance between sister congregations.

At the anniversary of a certain Junior League a Silhouette Social afforded a pleasant evening. Each member was allowed to invite one friend, the membership being thereby greatly increased.

Professor W. P. Ferguson gives the following on this department: "Meet once a month, give part of the time

to musical and literary exercises, and yet never fail to give the children a chance to have a jovial, rollicking time. Introduce games, but always of a high order, such as progressive spelling. Have a picnic, a field day, a sleigh ride. Bring forward a lecture course by home talent; for example, talks by prominent men and women on the methods of work pursued in the various manufacturing establishments, on the different walks of professional life, on current events, on travel, on biography. Have an old-fashioned spelling school, or declamatory contest. Hold a reception to the Senior League, to the aged members of the church, or to their parents. In this department nothing will prove more fascinating than a cadet drill, and in most of our towns a competent and worthy drillmaster can be secured."

Lantern slide exhibitions have great attraction for boys and girls. An evening with some Bible characters would be both entertaining and instructive.

Some one of the departments of the Epworth League, for example, the Literary Department, could, with but little effort, provide an evening's entertainment for their coming recruits.

Many things will be suggested to those having charge of this department after the League is fully organized and well at work. It will be seen at once that this work can only be *occasional;* nevertheless its importance must not be overlooked.

Little men and women we try to make out of the

Juniors, pure, polite, industrious, and wise; but we must remember that in child life, even more than in adult life, there is a desire and need of diversion that must be met.

The great law of *substitution* can be enforced here. A pleasant Junior room, good books, and illustrated papers, music, innocent games, and an interesting talk, will be more attractive to boys from Christian homes than the street corner school.

The pen becomes a clarion.—*Longfellow.*

VI.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE—PEN.

The secretary keeps the League records, the name and residence of every Junior; he fills out the membership cards; he may also keep the attendance by a system of marking during roll call. The secretary takes great interest in *The Junior Herald;* writes letters for the children's columns; furnishes the president of the Epworth League with a statistical report every quarter, so that he may report the work in the Quarterly Conference.

Once when the superintendent was absent on a long journey the Juniors wrote him a letter at the close of their regular meeting. It came "as cold waters to a thirsty soul," and is still preserved as one of the pleasant reminders of work among the Juniors.

A letter written to an absent member will strengthen the ties of church life. The secretary should be seated at a desk or table during the opening and closing exercises of the League.

Money brings honor, friends, conquest, and realms.—*Milton*, "*Paradise Regained.*"

VII.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—POCKET.

The treasurer should take a collection at each general meeting of the League. The amount should be announced and recorded by the secretary with the minutes of the meeting. The treasurer will make a report at the business meeting of the cabinet.

Every Junior Epworth League will become self-supporting if the Juniors are trained in making, saving, and giving money. Thousands of Methodist children have never yet heard Wesley's rule, "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

Here is a grand opportunity to teach the children about our benevolent causes. "A penny from every Junior," when the benevolent collection is taken, would swell the total not a little if observed throughout the whole Church. *Systematic* giving is showing itself in a general increase of support to all causes throughout our connection. Begin with the Juniors; then we shall soon have intelligent Christian giving.

The business-like conduct of all the affairs of the Junior Epworth League will contribute largely to the future welfare of the Epworth League.

"Let the business matters of the Junior Epworth League be attended to in a strictly business-like way, and let the League learn to be self-supporting." We do not know what future financier may be among the boys of the League. Among our most wealthy and influential laymen may be found those who in boyhood were poor.

Present the benevolences of the Church to the Juniors. Last Easter Chapter No. 210, connected with the Frank Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Rochester, N. Y., collected, by "Willing Worker Cards," forty dollars as an offering to missions.

When a call comes from a church that has suffered the loss of all through fire tell the boys and girls the story, and get them to vote a dollar's help. A collection taken at each meeting will pay all expenses, with something to spare for benevolences and charities.

Take a collection once a week in the League, either in this department or during the devotional hour. Let the offerings be voluntary and go toward the expenses of the League. "Let the League learn to be self-supporting."—*Constitution.*

Junior League Work.—*Epworth Wheel, Department of Spiritual Work.*

VIII.

RELATION TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

While the Junior Epworth League may be organized in any church or locality, whether the Epworth League is in existence there or not, certain it is that wherever there is a chapter of Seniors the Junior League should be considered as a part of their legitimate work, and should be so reported to the Central Office, and also in the regular business meeting of the Epworth League.

The Junior League should keep pace with the Epworth League. No League is fully organized without this most important adjunct. Too often this work is left to the pastor or his wife. A prayer meeting is held after Sunday school, when the children are tired and hungry, and it is called a Junior League. This is the best thing that the busy and overworked minister can do, who feels that *something* must be done. But how much more effective, how much broader, the work might be made if the proper department of the Seniors would take hold of the movement!

The Epworth League should look upon the Junior

League as their child and charge, exercising a fostering care over it; should look upon the boys and girls as their little brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the nursery from which is to come in a few years, by natural order, fruitful vines; the recruiting station from which is to come an army of thoroughly trained, consecrated young men and women.

The Epworth League can be helpful by becoming responsible for the expenses of organization. The charter should be obtained and framed at once for an inspiration to the children.

In two cases the writer has found even the Epworth League without this necessary authority to do the work of the Epworth League. "*Insignificant*," "*unnecessary*," you say; yes, so are a good many things in life; but they *are*, and have influence.

These charters, neatly framed and hanging on either side of the Sunday school desk, show that the Leagues of that church are alive and have the best things. The Seniors can help the Juniors by attending to the matter of securing and framing their charter. There are other necessary furnishings to be purchased. These the Epworth League can provide where the collection taken in the Junior Epworth League is insufficient.

To help educate the benevolent spirit a freewill offering should be taken at the Junior Epworth League meeting, either at the devotional meeting or in the Department of Literary Work.

From the ranks of the Epworth League can come the leaders of the children's devotional hour and leaders for the various other departments of work. This will be a solution of the vexed question of many an overworked pastor, How can I care for the lambs when the old sheep require my constant care?

The Junior Epworth League is "auxiliary to the Epworth League."

"The Junior Epworth League shall have a superintendent appointed by the pastor, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the cabinet of the Epworth League chapter. The Department of Spiritual Work of the Epworth League is expected to assist the pastor and superintendent in carrying on the work."—*Article II*, Section 1.

The organization and success of the Junior Epworth League depend very largely upon the interest and attitude of the Epworth League. This little one is not to be despised. It is for the future interest of the Epworthians that they organize, or assist the pastor in organizing, a chapter of Juniors.

A farmer having a few acres of wooded land upon his farm was very careful only to use the overturned or dying trees for fuel; the young saplings were carefully spared the axe to grow into larger usefulness; so must the Epworth League care for the oncoming Church.

We cannot close this chapter with more forceful words than these, from the Editor of *The Epworth Herald:*

"Blow the trumpet. Rouse the forces. Save the boys and girls. The Senior League has ridden on the wings of the wind. Like a flame driven by a hurricane it has spread everywhere. But the Junior League is moving more slowly. This ought not so to be. The Junior League is one of the most vital departments of our work. It has a great field. What a multitude of children we have in our Sunday schools under fifteen! And when can they be more effectually led to Christ and trained for service than in their tender years? The way to have a large Senior League is to graduate into it every year a large class of converted and disciplined youths from the Junior League. We ought to have as many chapters of the latter as of the former. Wherever there is a Sunday school there should be a Junior League. Pastors, awake! Officers, awake! Young people of the League, awake! Push the work among the Juniors. We can double the membership of the Methodist Church in fifteen years by faithful, soul-saving work among the children. It ought to be impossible for a single soul to run the gauntlet of the Junior and Senior Leagues and remain unsaved. Let our motto be, 'All our Sabbath school scholars for Christ through the influence of the two Leagues of our Church.'"

Children know,
Instinctive taught, the friend and foe.—*Scott.*

IX.

THE PASTOR AND THE LEAGUE.

SHOULD the pastor be the superintendent of the Junior Epworth League? He must often be from necessity. Perhaps there is no one else who is willing to organize the society or has the ready tact to fill the office successfully. The rule holds good here, however, as in the other societies of the church; the pastor will do nothing for his people that they are well able to do for themselves.

In the majority of churches, either in the Epworth League or Sunday school, some suitable woman or young man and his wife will be the proper persons to place in charge of the League.

The pastor may have the oversight of the League without formally holding the office of superintendent. Happy is the pastor who has a love for children and a ready adaptability to child life. However lacking this trait of character may be, it can be cultivated and secured. Unfortunate is the pastor whose appearance is

so austere that the boys will say when they see him approaching, "I say, Bill, let's run; there comes the minister!" The pastor must be kind without softness and petting; cheerful, but not given to levity.

There is many a church that has all the material for a Junior Epworth League, waiting for the pastor to lead out in the movement and appoint some young Christians to the charge of the work that would develop the latent forces and give new life to the church.

Very often the pastor can conduct the opening exercises of the devotional meeting or be present to close the Department of Instruction with a short talk; this will be appreciated by the leader and make an event in the League which the children will talk about in their homes. The pastor can arouse the boys and girls to greater devotion in their Christian life and enthusiasm in Christian work; he can make them feel as no other the greatness of the church, the need of loyalty, and the best type of Christian manhood and womanhood.

The pastor who has forgotten that he was once a boy himself had better not try to conduct a Junior Epworth League; a boy's religion, like his life, is buoyant and hopeful. Pessimistic views of the world, sad and sorrowful looks, long prayers and long meter hymns, may be of use somewhere, but they are not in place here.

The wide-awake pastor who always has eyes and ears open will see and hear much every day that will be of interest to the children; his sympathies will be aroused

and quickened by being in frequent contact with the children.

It may be, as some have said, hard work to *preach* to children; but children do not want preaching to very much. Talk to them naturally. Begin and end with an illustration. Sprinkle them freely all through your sermon or talk, as we prefer to call an address to children.

The pastor can help the League by giving notice of the meetings from the pulpit and adding a few words of encouragement. He can also increase the attendance by calling the children's attention to the League while making pastoral calls and reminding parents of their duty to send their children for religious instruction.

"Organized sympathy" is what the Rev. J. M. Durrell calls the Epworth League. Children need and crave sympathy; the description applies equally well to the Juniors.

The pastor can train the children of his church into an enthusiastic band for devotion, instruction, temperance, missions, and social work; and how can he more profitably spend his time and talents?

The children will advertise the church and minister that interest them; their parents and friends will soon know that the church has a Junior Epworth League, "good meetings," and "splendid times."

The whole church is not at work until the children are at work. The pastor who mingles with the children

will keep his own heart young; he will not reach the "dead line" at fifty years. The Department of Literary Work on Friday or Saturday afternoon will be a relief from the weightier duties of the pastorate, an unbending of the spring.

The pastor's relation to the League will very largely determine whether there shall be any child conversions. The day is coming when we shall look chiefly to the conversion of children for our accessions. The coming Church will be supported by the systematic gifts of both adults and children. The Junior Epworth League gives the pastor a rare opportunity to imbed these principles in the hearts of the children.

Children need the sympathy and care of the children's Saviour. Shall the pastor lead them to Him, or allow them to be overlooked? He came as a little child; he understood child life; when he became a man he took them up in his arms and blessed them; he accepted their psalm of kingly triumph; he said, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven;" he charged Peter to feed the lambs. The faithful pastor will provide suitable meetings for the children of his church. Next to a child's parents stands the pastor in spiritual influence. Children respect the office of the ministry. Teach the children that there is something beyond what they can see and hear and feel. Teach them of goodness, helpfulness, love to one another; to read good books, play fair games, avoid evil associates.

"The Whole Church at Work" is the motto of the times we live in. As well expect a wise, happy, and prosperous commonwealth where the early education of the citizens is neglected as to expect a powerful, numerous, and holy Church where the religious instruction of the children is not fully provided for.

Light is the task when many bear the toil.—*Bryant's Homer's "Iliad."*

X.

PRACTICAL HELPS AND HINTS.

Organization.—It has proved very effective in first organizing a League to issue a card which shall be both an invitation and an admission ticket. These should be distributed at the close of Sunday school one week in advance, and be presented at the hour of meeting.

A novel attendance and membership card is issued by Hunt & Eaton; also a punch can be obtained of the same firm. Each card is to be filled out. The cards should be kept by the secretary or some other appointed person. The cards are to be distributed at roll call to all present answering to their names; then some boy or girl takes the punch and punches out the date. The cards are then gathered up again. In this way a correct record is kept, the children will be more punctual in their attendance, and the card makes a souvenir for each member to own at the end of the term.

A popular way of using these punch-cards is to give one to each child, to be used as a certificate of membership and a ticket of admission, a date being punched

out by the leader for every meeting at which the holder is present.

Enrollment.—A book should be provided in which the secretary should enroll the names of the members and their residences; also, if desirable, their ages, and whether baptized or not. The roll should be called at every meeting of the League. At the devotional hour or prayer meeting it will answer to mark the attendance in a classbook without the roll call. In some Leagues the members answer to their names with a verse of Scripture.

A record of this kind will be found very helpful to the pastor in his work among the young. In Sunday school work, the baptism of children, securing new members for the probationers' class, members for the Epworth League, and in "Lookout" committee work this record will be found invaluable.

Total Attendance.—A pleasing way of finding the total attendance is as follows: After the League is seated for the closing exercises begin at one end of a row and let the first member say "One;" the next member "Two," and so on, until all have been numbered. Make the total number an object lesson on the blackboard, with remarks at every meeting. If above the average, commend the League for faithfulness; if below the average, exhort to promptness.

The report of attendance should always be given at the business meeting of the Epworth League, and also at the Quarterly Conference by the pastor.

The following card issued by the Methodist Book Concern can be used to advantage as a pledge:

COVENANT CARD.

Look up and not down.

Lend a hand.

PLEDGE OF JUNIOR LEAGUE

I do hereby promise, with the help of God, to try always to do right; to pray every day; to read every day in the word of God; to abstain from profane language, from the use of tobacco, and from all intoxicating liquor; to attend morning Church service and Friday afternoon meeting.

Signed,

Look out and not in.

Look forward and not back.

MEMBERSHIP CARD.

THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH.

The foundation on which we build. John iii, 16.

The promise given to us. Matt. xix, 14.

Our Confession: "I love Jesus."

Our Faith: "I trust in Jesus as my Saviour."

Our Repentance: "I will try, by God's help, to give up everything sinful."

Our Hope: "I hope in thy word." Psalm cxix, 114.

Our Worship: Daily prayers; Bible readings; loving everybody; doing good.

Meetings of our church every..... at ..... o'clock.

Those who have had experience in children's work know how much they prize a little card of this kind; it

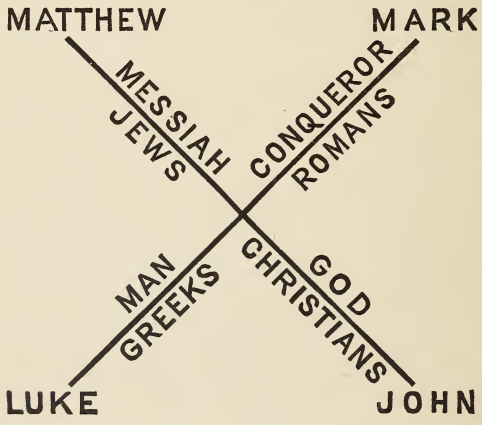
helps to bind them to the League with strong cords. A liberal use of printers' ink will bring a great reward. In many churches some boy can be found who owns a small press, and who can thus be worked in both to his own interest and the success of the League.

Some pastors use an Edison's mimeograph ; a small-sized one is most handy in printing a little sheet for distribution at each meeting of the League.

BIBLE OUTLINES.

The following outlines will furnish lessons in Bible instruction for several weeks. They can be drawn on the blackboard or on detail paper with stick charcoal, each section to be drawn in the presence of the League, progressing from week to week until the outline is complete, a review to follow occasionally.

1. *Jesus Christ:*



The diagram will illustrate for whom each of the evangelists wrote, and how they presented Christ.

2. *Names:* Christ, Matt. xvi, 16. Jesus, Matt. i, 21. Lord, Rev. xi, 15. Messiah, John i, 41.

3. *Character:* God, John i, 1. Man, John i, 14. Both, Col. ii, 9.

4. *Life:* Writers, John xx, 31. Places, Mal. iii, 12. Facts, John ix, 4.

5. *Map Exercise:* On the blackboard, or, what is better, on detail paper, draw with stick charcoal an outline map of Palestine, not to be erased until the following lessons have been filled in, which may occupy a few minutes at each meeting, to be concluded with a review.

6. *Locate the following Places:* Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Nain, Samaria, Sychar, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Jericho, Machærus, Bethsaida, Cæsarea Philippi, etc. Other cities can be added and the most important events be called out in connection with each place.

7. *Locate the following Mountains:* Hermon, Olivet, Carmel, Lebanon, Ebal, Gerizim, Tabor, Gilboa, Nebo, Sinai. Add others and call out their associations.

8. *Locate the following Streams and Bodies of Water:* Mediterranean Sea, Jordan, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Kedron. Treat as above.

Maps of all the Bible lands can be drawn in like manner. Wall maps and map drawing add great interest to Bible study. Where the League is divided into

classes for instruction this work can be done with but little trouble.

HOW OLD MUST I BE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

The League assembled, put the question, How old were you when you first *loved* your parents?

Bring out the answer: "Always;" "Four years old;" "Six years old," etc. How many *now* love their parents? Hands up!

How old did you have to be to *trust* your parents? How many do? Hands up!

How many *obey* your parents? Hands up!

Then you can be Christians. To *love*, *trust*, and *obey* God is to be a Christian.

How many will try to be Christians?

Sing:

"Come to Jesus just now,
He will save you just now."

BIBLE LESSONS.

"One thing is needful." Luke x, 42.
"One thing thou lackest." Mark x, 21.
"One thing I know." John ix, 25.
"One thing I do." Phil. iii, 13.
"One thing have I desired." Psalm xxvii, 14.
"Who was the first man?" Gen. ii, 7, 19.
"Who was the oldest man?" Gen. v, 27.
"Who was the meekest man?" Num. xii, 3.
"Who was the strongest man?" Judg. xvi, 6.

"Who was the wisest man?" 1 Kings iii, 5, 11–14.

"Who was the most patient man?" Job i, 22.

"Who was the Son of man?" Luke xix, 10.

Each one of the above can be made the subject of a ten-minutes talk in the Department of Spiritual Work.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

Put down the figure 3; multiply it by itself and put the product by its side, and you have 39, the number of books in the Old Testament. Now multiply these two figures together (3×9) and you have 27, the number of books in the New Testament. Add 39 and 27 together ($39 + 27$) and you have 66, the number of books in the Bible.

$3 \times 3 = 9 — 39$, number of books in Old Testament.

$3 \times 9 = 27$, number of books in New Testament.

$39 + 27 = 66$, number of books in Bible.

The use of the blackboard is urged in all the foregoing exercises. A dime spent for color crayons will yield a hundredfold in interest among the Juniors.

It is urged as an excuse by many leaders that they have no talent in this direction. Like any other talent, this one can be developed.

A few straight lines to represent men; a crooked line to represent a wicked man; close together, or apart, to indicate nearness; dots to mark locality. These are among the very simplest arts, yet an interest is always awakened in their use. "Through the eye to the

heart" is the maxim of one well versed in blackboard illustration. It is not necessary to be an expert. Use and improve the gift possessed.

HOW TO TEACH THE NAMES OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

This simple illustration will be remembered by a child of six years; besides making an interesting blackboard lesson it contains information valuable even to adults:

Old Testament.

Pentateuch—5. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

Historical—12. Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings, I and II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.

Poetical—5. Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

Prophetical—17. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

New Testament.

Historical—5. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts.

Pauline Epistles—14. Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews.

General Epistles—7. James, I and II Peter, I, II, and III John, Jude.

Prophetical—1. Revelation.

First teach the children the names of the divisions and the number of books in each division; then learn the names of the books by groups of *five*. Call on some boy to recite the first five, then upon some girl for the second five, then upon the children in concert for the whole ten; or go around the whole class, each scholar naming one book in their order. In a course of twenty weeks, a few minutes at each opening service of the League, the children will readily turn to any book in the Bible the leader may call for.

VARIETY.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on *variety* in conducting the exercises of the League. In singing let the boys sing the stanza and the girls join them in the chorus, and *vice versâ;* try this for two stanzas, and on the third stanza ask all to sing.

Apply this method also in reciting the Beatitudes and Commandments. It is better to sing three hymns, two stanzas of each, for opening the League, than one hymn of five or six stanzas. Try reciting by rows. Constantly vary your way of doing things; avoid humdrum, rutty, and monotonous ways.

Enlist the boys and girls in the work as much as possible. Let "Russell" and "Sammy" distribute the

singing books; "Charlie, will you erase the blackboard?" "Ruth, you take up the collection to-day;" "Freddie, get two more chairs and seat those strangers." If you make the little people feel that they are necessary and helpful you have got them fastened to the League.

ANOTHER METHOD.

Write or print on medium-sized cards the abbreviations of the Bible books, Genesis, Leviticus, Matthew, Daniel, etc. Put them into a box and let each member of the League draw one out. If there are more than sixty-six in the League, then girls first, afterward boys. After all have drawn call for the full name of the book, the pupil answering, "J-n-o—John;" "I-s-a—Isaiah." If any cannot answer submit it to the League. The exercise will be made still more effective by requiring the pupil to name the division of the Bible to which the book belongs, as, "E-p-h—Ephesians, Pauline Epistles;" "D-a-n—Daniel, Minor Prophets."

A LESSON IN CHRISTIAN ETHICS.

How many will try and attend church next Sunday? Hands up! Exod. xx, 8.

Sit with your parents or friends. Our behavior. Hab. ii, 20.

How many will try and bring a new Junior next week? Hands up! John i, 41, 42.

Do not put on wraps or rubbers during the singing of

the doxology. Remain silent for a moment after the benediction. 1 Cor. xiv, 40.

Do not sit at the end of the pew nearest the aisle, blocking the way of admission to others. Always rise to admit others, if you prefer the end sitting. Offer your Bible and hymn book to strangers. 1 Peter iii, 8.

Take part reverently, thoughtfully, and prayerfully in all the services. Psalm xxii, 22.

TEN SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS AND HINTS.

1. Commit choice hymns to memory.

2. Always kneel during prayer; pray for the children, their parents, homes, school, church, and associates.

3. Give an occasional talk on Christian ethics.

4. Do not let the meeting last more than one hour, unless for very special reasons.

5. Always be cheerful; bid the League "Good afternoon" just at dismission, to which they will respond, "Good afternoon."

6. Memorize Psalms i, xxiii, and c.

7. Occasionally use a Responsive Service, for example, one of those in the Epworth Hymnal, for opening or closing.

8. Organize a League choir. Practice new pieces. Often the superintendent will be glad to have the choir lead the Sunday school music.

9. Give an occasional lesson in musical notation.

10. Chant the Gloria Patri and Lord's Prayer.

ADDITIONAL EXERCISES FOR DEVOTION AND INSTRUCTION.

Three verses—First, Least, and Last.	Gen. i, 1. John xi, 35. Rev. xxii, 21.
Three verses on Light.....	Gen. i, 3. John viii, 12. 2 Cor. iv, 6.
Three verses on Children.....	Eccles. xii, 1. Mark x, 14. Col. iii, 20.

These verses should be memorized by the League and be repeated at the opening or closing exercises.

CHAPTERS FOR CHILDREN.

Baptism. Matt. iii.
Commandment. Exod. xx.
Faith. Heb. xi.
Fiery Furnace. Dan. iii.
Intemperance. Prov. xxiii.
Love. 1 John iii.
Lion's Den. Dan. vi.
Mother's Chapter. Judg. xiii.
Prayer. John xvii.
Shepherds. John x.

After the advance division of the League are seated for instruction see that every one is provided with a

Bible, and call for the above chapters ; when found let the boys and girls read portions as directed by the leader, who will make suitable remarks thereon.

Variety may be secured by giving out in advance a topic word, as "love," "peace," "faith," "sin," "joy." Let the League memorize a verse containing the word, the verses to be recited alone or in concert, also to be made the subject of a short talk by the leader.

TEMPERANCE EXERCISES.

The methods of conducting the Temperance Department must be either general or special.

Text-books.—If text-books are used, such as *Alcohol and Hygiene*, *The Catechism on Alcohol*, or the *Juvenile Temperance Manual*, by Julia Colman, or *Temperance Lesson Leaves*, by F. N. Peloubet, the League will, of course, be classified according to age and a teacher provided for each division ; thus regular and progressive study can be carried on from month to month.

In the above case the opening and closing exercises will be held by the League in a body.

An easier and less expensive method is to make the exercises of a general character, rendering divisions unnecessary.

Assemble the League, sing several rousing songs, Scripture lesson and prayer, followed by more singing. Introduce some speaker previously secured from the

Women's Christian Temperance Union, Independent Order of Good Templars, or other organization. After the address distribute tracts; follow with closing exercises.

At these general exercises it is a good plan to utilize local musical talent. Fife and drum, violin, banjo, and piano playing will add greatly to the interest of the hour.

Temperance Target.—League leaders will find a great help in *Blackboard Temperance Lessons*, by Mrs. W. F. Crafts. Draw the picture in the presence of the League. The interest never lags. Lesson No. 7, "Temperance Target," has been used by the writer on several occasions, and has been spoken of in after months by children and parents.

Temperance Arithmetic.—Try the following method: After the opening exercises distribute lead pencils and a leaf from a pencil tablet (both are inexpensive) to each boy and girl. Take the *Temperance Arithmetic*, by Julia McNair Wright, in hand, step to the blackboard and give out an example, stating it at the same time on the board; let the Leaguers work them out and place the result on the board, meanwhile fastening the lesson to be taught by general remarks.

Mental Exercises.—Exercises may be found in the same book which do not require paper and pencil. The dullest boy in the League will wake up under this method of temperance instruction.

Pledge Signing.—Purchase an illuminated Roll of

Honor, and at the close of the exercises, whether general or special, while singing a spirited song call for pledge signers to come forward and sign the pledge. After the Leaguers have all signed frame the roll and give it a place on the wall of the room where you meet.

Tracts.—Always have a tract or paper for the boys and girls to carry away with them; they are inexpensive, always appreciated, and oftentimes most effective in fastening a truth.

Experiments.—Few things are more fascinating than actual experiments performed in the presence of the League. *Drinks from Drugs*, by Eli Johnson, will furnish an abundance; also *Lessons for Christian Workers*, pages 55–57.

PRACTICAL WORK.

The methods in use in this department do not differ materially from those of temperance work. It is advisable, however, to make all the exercises of an instructive character. As in the Department of Temperance Work, the exercises may be either general or special. After opening exercises, consisting of missionary hymns, prayer, and responsive Scripture reading, divide the League into classes by bell-taps and marching. Give instruction from the *Little Missionary*, which contains a monthly study, or arrange a list of subjects of your own selection, having them printed on a card for distribution. General exercises without class divisions are

successful here, as in the other departments. A program of readings, recitations, and singing, or a talk from an invited guest from month to month, is the order in some Leagues.

VACATION.

It may be well to repeat here that it is not wise to carry on the work of all the departments during the whole year. During June, July, and August let work be suspended in all but the Devotional Department. This department generally includes the Junior League prayer meeting, usually held at some hour on Sunday; this should continue during the whole year.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Two or three times during the year a Junior League Social will be in order. Appoint the night two weeks in advance. Announce it in the Sunday school and in the League. Arrange a program of recitations and music by members of the League. Solicit cakes for refreshments from members of the League. Provide lemonade by a draft on the treasury or by a special collection; other expenses can be provided for in the same way. A committee from the Seniors will wait upon the tables. Let the children invite their parents as visitors. After the children have entertained those present announce a "social hour." Begin and close early. Remember the sick members with flowers or cake. Socials of this simple character can be held in the Sunday school room;

they will help to sustain the interest of the League and recruit new members.

HOW TO TEACH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

"Commandments ten
God gave to men."

(Stepping to the blackboard with chalk in hand:) "Boys and girls, how many commandments are there?" "Ten." (Put down the number 10 on the board.) "What is the first one about?" (Put down the figure 1 on the board.) "One God." "Repeat the first commandment." (League repeat.)

"What is the second commandment about?" (Put down the figure 2 on the board.) "Idolatry." "Repeat the second commandment."

"What is the third commandment about?" "Profanity." "*Boys* repeat the third commandment. *Girls* repeat it. *All* repeat it."

So go through the whole number. Now change the *order* of the figures on the board so that they will read 1, 3, 9, 4, 2, 6, etc. Call on the boys or girls separately and together to repeat the commandment indicated by the figure as the leader points to them on the board. Arranged in their proper order you will have:

1. One God.
2. Idolatry.
3. Profanity.
4. Keeping the Sabbath.
5. Obedience to Parents.
6. Murder.
7. Adultery.
8. Stealing.
9. Perjury.
10. Covetousness.

These may be made the subjects of a series of talks to boys and girls, giving the circumstances under which the commandments were given, where they are found, etc. Exod. xx, 17; Deut. v, 6–21.

BIBLE DRILL.

"How many have Bibles? Hold them up where I can see them. Now, all be ready, and we will see how quickly you can find the following passages. When you find the place you may stand up. Gen. xxxii, 24; Isa. lv, 7; John iii, 6," etc.

When sufficient time has been given let those standing read the passage they have found, and be seated; then announce another, and so on. The leader should announce *difficult* passages from the Minor Prophets, Jude, 3 John, etc., until the boys and girls can readily "find the place."

AN AGE EXERCISE.

"How old are you?" "Five!" "Eight!" "Twelve!" "How many are ten years old? Hands up! That will do. Will you repeat with me Psalm xc, 10?" (All repeat, "The days of our years," etc.) (Leader talk about mile posts, and compare the passing years to a moving train.) "Do the years go rapidly or slowly with you?" (Various answers.) "Well, as you grow older the years will seem to go quickly." (Leader exhibit an hourglass so that all may see the running sand, and compare it to the days of life.) "Repeat with me Psalm xc, 12." (All repeat.)

(Leader talk about the *spiritual* birthday, and let the League repeat John iii, 3, and close with singing "O happy day that fixed my choice."

OUTLINES OF TALKS TO JUNIORS—OUR KEY-WORDS.

1. HEART.—"Boys and girls, we have six departments of work in our League, represented by six key-words. Will you repeat them for me?" (League repeat: "Heart, Hand, Head, Feet, Pen, Pocket.")

"To-day we are to talk about the first of these, the Department of Spiritual Work, represented by the key-word 'Heart.' Place your right hand over your heart, and you can feel it beating." (Superintendent, see that the children have the correct position.) "Suppose that a pear was put inside a bag of the same shape, only turned the other way, so that the big end of the bag was round the small end of the pear, and you will have a good idea of how the heart lies inside the loose bag called the *pericardium*. Now, suppose the pear had nine or ten stalks reaching out through the bag; these would answer to the blood vessels entering and leaving the heart.

"*Heart* work is *hard* work. The heart never stops to rest. The work of a grown person's heart is equal to lifting one hundred and ninety-three tons one foot high every day.

"Heart work is *important* work. By getting angry, or smoking cigarettes, the work of the heart is increased, making it wear out sooner. When the Bible says,

'Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life,' it means that the heart is the seat of choosing and feeling. We speak of a *hard-hearted* man, meaning a cruel man, or we speak of a *tender-hearted* man, meaning one who is loving and kind.

"Our hearts are inclined to evil; but God will give us clean, pure hearts if we ask him sincerely in prayer; then we shall speak and do right things."

Leader look up references: Matt. xxii, 37; Psalms cxix, 11; li, 10; Rom. x, 10; Eph. iii, 17, and apply to work of this department.

2. HAND.—"Juniors, attention! The second department of work in our League is that of Mercy and Help, and is represented by the key-word 'Hand.' Look at your hands, boys and girls: wrist, eight bones, palm of the hand, five bones; thumb and fingers, fourteen bones. How many is that in all?" "Twenty-seven." "Yes, that is right. All these bones are so arranged and put together as to make the wonderful hand; with it we can hold and manipulate objects in a skillful manner.

"Our hands may be beautiful as well as wonderful. The most beautiful hands are not always the softest and whitest, but are often rough and wrinkled with age and hard work. Hands that will not do duty, that perform work in a slovenly manner, can never be made beautiful by graceful form and finger rings. Your fathers' hands are dear to you because they work for the money which keeps your home and buys your clothing. Your

mothers' hands are dear to you because they cared for you when you were helpless babes; they bake, sweep, mend, and knit for you while you are at play or asleep.

"Every boy and girl will find some opportunity to do good unto others.

> "'What your little hands can do,
> That the Lord intends for you.'

"If your hands are employed in doing the Lord's work here upon the earth they will carry palms of victory in heaven."

References: Dan. x, 10; Matt. viii, 15; Mark ix, 27; Rev. vii, 9; Isa. xlii, 6; 1 Sam. xxvi, 18; Zeph. iii, 16.

Leader apply to work in this department.

3. HEAD.—"To-day we are to talk about the third department of our League work, Literary Work, represented by the key-word 'Head.' Put your hands on your head. Hands down! It is a box made of twenty bones, and is called the *skull.* It contains the brain, a gray, soft substance, which weighs, when we are grown to be men and women, a little more than three pounds. There are twelve pairs of nerves that come from the brain to different parts of the body, enabling us to smell, see, move the eyes, wink, taste, and hear. Every word you speak, every action you perform, leaves its mark for good or evil on the brain. Every time you resist temptation resistance becomes easier; every time you yield

to temptation it degrades the nerve organs. How careful we should be in thought, word, and deed!

"When we read, write, sing, talk, or study we use the brain; so in our League work we need to have clear, strong brains."

References: Num. iv, 7; 2 Kings iv, 19; Prov. x, 6; John xiii, 9; Rev. ix, 7; 1 Cor. xi, 3.

Leader apply to department work.

4. FEET.—"Juniors, you may name over the key-words and stop at the fourth." (Repeat, "Heart, Hand, Head, Feet.") "Good! That is right, 'Feet.' A pure heart, beautiful hands, a clear head, and willing feet.

"What you learned in our talk about the bones of the hand will apply to the feet; but in the feet the bones are less movable than in the hands. We have read, however, of persons born without hands who learned to write and paint with the toes. God made our feet more beautiful than those of any animal; our arched instep enables us to walk, run, jump, and move about more easily and gracefully than any other living thing. You see our key-words are full of meaning.

"In the actual work of this department we must have *willing* feet. Going on errands for mother, seeking new members, and in all work requiring the taking of many steps our feet must be swift and beautiful for the Lord."

The boys especially like this department of work, be-

cause it takes in the "Junior Guards," or "Epworth Guards;" they know how important it is to have the right position and "keep time" in the drill and march.

Christian boys and girls will always be careful to walk in the straight and narrow way that leads unto eternal life.

References: Psalms xl, 2; cxix, 59; Luke viii, 35; Acts iii, 7; Rom. iii, 15; Heb. xii, 13.

Apply to department work.

5. PEN.—"The department of work represented by the key-word 'Pen' is that of Correspondence. You have heard the proverb, 'The pen is mightier than the sword;' its meaning is that greater things have been done by writing books, magazines, and papers than have been done by fighting battles with guns and swords. Some of you may have read the book called *Uncle Tom's Cabin;* many people think that the reading of that book did more toward liberating the slaves than many battles.

"It is very necessary that the records of our League be kept nicely and correctly. The secretary does this important work. He can help the pastor and Sunday school superintendent by writing notices for the pulpit.

"I know you all enjoy reading the letters from the Juniors in *The Epworth Herald;* also reading about what other Leagues are doing; this is good work for you to do.

"When you are away from home you are glad to hear

from your friends. Your secretary can write to absent or sick members, sending love and prayers from the League. Once the president of a League was many miles away from home on the sad mission of burying his father; after the regular meeting of the League the secretary wrote the president a letter of remembrance, sympathy, and prayer, and several of the Juniors signed it; the president will always remember that letter with great pleasure."

References: Psalm xlv, 1; Judg. v, 14; 3 John 13; Job xix, 24.

Apply to department work.

6. POCKET.—"Juniors, what is the last one of the six key-words?" "Pocket." "Ah, yes, you can all remember that; it is the *last*, but not the *least*, of our departments of work; it means the consecration of our money to God.

"Boys and girls like to have one or two pockets in their clothes. How proud you are when you get a new suit of clothes, or a new jacket with three or four pockets in it, especially when you have some money to put in the pockets! John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, had the following good rule:

"'Make all you can,
Save all you can,
Give all you can.'

"Of course you cannot earn much money while you are young, but whether you earn it or it is given to you

you should learn to *save* it while you are young. Pennies are easily spent for candy, nuts, and toys. You should each have a bank at home and put some of your pennies in it to keep for future use.

"While earning and saving your money do not forget the *giving*. All the gold and silver belongs to God. We must do good with it. When the collection is taken for missions, education, or church extension you can put in a nickel or a dime from your bank and so help the cause along.

"The collection in your League should be enough to pay for all your books and papers, your charter, banner, and other things to make your League interesting."

References: Isa. lv, 2; Mark xii, 41; Luke vi, 38; 2 Cor. ix, 7; Prov. xxviii, 27; Acts xx, 35.

Leader apply to department work.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

1. How Christ makes us free. John viii, 32–36.
2. Clean hearts (*Heart*). Psalm li, 10–13.
3. Keeping the Sabbath. Exod. xx, 8–11.
4. Jesus among the flowers. Matt. vi, 28–30.
5. Juniors at play. Zech. viii, 5.
6. Beautiful hands (*Hand*). Zeph. iii, 16.
7. Jesus by the lakeside. Mark i, 16–20.
8. Prayer and forgiveness. Mark xi, 25, 26.
9. Lessons from a lunch-basket. John vi, 5–13.
10. Missionary rally. Matt. xxviii, 19, 20.

11. True knowledge (*Head*). 1 Cor. i, 19, 20.
12. Juniors at school. Eph. v, 16.
13. Boys who succeed. Prov. xxii, 29.
14. Confessing Christ. Matt. xvi, 13–18.
15. The fruitless tree. Luke xiii, 6–9.
16. Girls who succeed. Exod. ii, 4–8.
17. Willing feet (*Feet*). Eph. vi, 15.
18. Temperance rally. 1 Cor. xi, 25–27.
19. Juniors at home. Psalm ci, 2.
20. Are you converted? Matt. xviii, 1–6.
21. The Junior's Thanksgiving. Neh. viii, 10.
22. The ready writer (*Pen*). Psalm xlv, 1.
23. Reading the Bible. 2 Tim. iii, 5.
24. Noah's ark. Gen. vi, 14–22.
25. Christian giving (*Pocket*). Luke vi, 38.
26. The birthday of a king. Luke ii, 8–16.
27. Good and bad habits. Song of Sol. ii, 15.
28. Our heavenly home. John xiv, 1.
29. Promise meeting. 2 Peter i, 4.
30. Obedience. 1 Sam. xv, 13–23.
31. Springtime. Song of Sol. ii, 11–13.
32. The boyhood of Jesus. Luke ii, 52.
33. Children's Day. Mark x, 13–16.
34. The afflicted child. Mark ix, 14–32.
35. The last lesson. Rev. xxii, 17.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ARTICLE I. *Name.*—This organization shall be known as the Junior Epworth League, and shall be auxiliary to the Epworth League.

ARTICLE II. *Organization.*—1. The Junior Epworth League shall have a superintendent, appointed by the pastor, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the cabinet of the Epworth League chapter. The department of Spiritual Work of the Epworth League is expected to assist the pastor and superintendent in carrying on the work.

2. Where no chapter of the Epworth League exists the Junior Epworth League may be organized, and shall be under the control of the Sunday school board.

ARTICLE III. *Object.*—The object of the Junior Epworth League shall be to promote in its members an earnest and intelligent spiritual life, bring them into membership in the Church, and train them in works of mercy and help.

ARTICLE IV. *Membership.*—1. Members shall be

boys and girls under fourteen years of age. Divisions in the membership may be made for purposes of greater efficiency.

2. Names of persons proposed for membership shall be given in writing to the secretary, and they shall become members when elected by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE V. *Departments.*—The work of the Junior Epworth League shall be carried on under the same general plan as that of the Epworth League. The following is the arrangement of departments:

DEPARTMENT FIRST. *Spiritual Life.*—The key-word HEART denotes that the first work of the Junior League is the development of true *heart-life.* The *conversion* of the children should be the purpose of every Junior superintendent. Plain and simple teaching of our doctrines and instruction in Christian duties will result in personal acceptance of the Saviour. Attention should be paid to *testimony.* Let the children be taught to testify in their own way to their own faith. The same is true of *prayer.* Our Juniors should practice in public prayer in their meetings.

The truest evangelism is personal work. Converted children can do much to bring other children to Christ. This is a most important part of the work.

DEPARTMENT SECOND. *Mercy and Help.*—The key-word HAND denotes helpfulness—a hand reached out to do good. The Juniors are taught unselfishness. The

measure of one's ability to help others is the measure of his value in the world.

Temperance work: By signing the pledge, by holding a monthly temperance meeting, by circulating temperance literature.

Tract distribution: By giving out tracts and religious papers.

Visiting the sick with cheerful words, flowers, and offers of help.

Missionary Work: Local work, helping in the church missionary collection, and by doing some definite work, such as supporting an orphan in some foreign field. It is a good thing to have a monthly missionary meeting.

DEPARTMENT THIRD. *Literary Work.*—The key-word HEAD means *intellectual life and training.* Children should be taught that all knowledge is laid under tribute to the growing believer. There should be study of the Bible as a book. There should be drill in the history of our own Church, in the "ten points of doctrine," and Catechism, etc. Our children should grow up intelligent Methodists.

Literary meetings may be held with great profit, simple rules of parliamentary practice taught, and much done to secure correct habits of thought and a taste for good literature. There will be a *Junior Reading Course*, carefully selected with reference to the carrying out of this plan.

DEPARTMENT FOURTH. *Social Work.*—The key-word is FEET. The meaning is a life of *busy activity.*

Seeking new members: The children seeking the children to bring to them the inspiration of League ideas; bringing especially to children of irreligious homes such influences as will help in all their after lives.

This department will have much to do concerning wholesome *entertainments*. The children must have entertainment. There will be room for much wisdom and experiment, but it is wise to take pains. First lessons are likely to be permanent.

Music is an important factor in the work. Let the best hymns be systematically taught and committed to memory, and let good music be furnished for all meetings.

Badges should be worn. Let all Juniors be taught their meaning and taught to stand by their colors.

Epworth Guards: If possible have a company of boys embodying the military idea.

Department Fifth. *Correspondence.*—The key-word Pen means training in the keeping of records, and this is more important than at first appears. Writing to absent members will keep them interested and loyal. Systematic furnishing of all notices for the pulpit and the papers will be excellent training.

Department Sixth. *Finance.*—The key-word is Pocket, and means the consecration of our money to God. No more important work can be done than to rightly train the Juniors how to *save money* in the years when discipline is needed, and how to *give money* in the years when habits are being formed. Give the Juniors

information concerning our great causes, and teach them to give.

Let the business matters of the Junior Epworth League be attended to in a strictly business-like way, and let the League learn to be self-supporting.

ARTICLE VI. *Officers.*—The officers shall be an adult superintendent appointed by the pastor, who shall have general oversight of the work; a president, four vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, who, together with the superintendent and pastor, shall constitute the cabinet of the Junior Epworth League.

These officers shall be elected by ballot by the members from among their own numbers at a regular meeting, and shall take their places in the order named.

ARTICLE VII. *By-laws.*— The Junior Epworth League may enact such by-laws as it shall require, in accordance with the provisions of the above Constitution.

Modifications of this Constitution may be made to suit the special needs of different localities. "Mission Bands," "Bands of Hope," "Girls' Sewing Circles," and like societies may become departments of the Junior Epworth League.

This Constitution and Plan is to be worked wherever practicable. It will pay pastors and superintendents to take the trouble necessary to give it a thorough test. Wherever this cannot be done fully let it be done as nearly as possible.

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